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Vande Bharat travel surges

Mysuru-Chennai route sees 36 lakh passengers in 2025-2026

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BCT)- Over 36 lakh passengers travelled on the Vande Bharat Express operating between Mysuru and Chennai during the financial year 2025-26, according to data released by the Press Information Bureau (PIB).

Officials said, the train has received an overwhelmingly positive response from passengers since its introduction.

The Vande Bharat Express runs between Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR Central Station in Chennai and Mysuru City Railway Station, via Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) at Baiyappanahalli in Bengaluru.

Manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai, the Vande Bharat trains feature modern coaches equipped with advanced safety systems and improved passenger amenities.

Across the country, Vande Bharat services recorded a year-on-year growth of nearly 34 percent in FY 2025-26, with passenger numbers increasing from 2.97 crore in FY 2024-25 to about 3.98 crore.

According to the Ministry of Railways, over 9.1 crore passengers have travelled in more than one lakh trips on Vande Bharat trains since their inception and 162 such trains are currently operating on various routes across the country.

Two pairs of Vande Bharat trains operate on Mysuru-Chennai route. Train No. 20663 Mysuru-MGR Chennai Vande Bharat Express departs Mysuru at 6 am and reaches Chennai at 12.20 pm, except on Thursdays.

(See TRAVEL on page 6)

Legendary singer Asha Bhosle dies at 92

Mumbai, Apr. 12 (Agencies)- Legendary singer Asha Bhosle (92), who was admitted to Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital following a cardiac arrest yesterday, has breathed her last at the Hospital this noon.

Her mortal remains will be kept at her residence from 11 am to 3 pm tomorrow and the last rites will take place at Shivaji Park at 4 pm.

Born on Sept. 8, 1933, Asha began her career at a very young age and had given her voice to thousands of songs in multiple languages, including Hindi, Marathi, Bengali and Gujarati.

(See ASHA on page 6)

Star of Mysore report turns into poster campaign

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&BCT)- In an attempt to draw attention to the shrinking buffer zones of lakes, a group of environmental activists early this morning put up posters around Kukkarahalli Lake, reproducing a recent report published in *Star of Mysore*. The laminated posters, hung on electric poles at a few locations inside the lake premises, caught the attention of morning walkers.

The report, titled ***'Samiti warns against cutting lake buffer zone'*** and published on Apr. 1, 2026, refers to a gazette notification issued under the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025. The notification proposes a shift from a uniform 30-metre buffer zone to a graded system based on the size of the lake, according to a press note issued by Parisara Ulisi Samiti.

Under the revised norms, lakes spread over more than 100 acres will retain a 30-metre buffer zone, while smaller lakes between one and 10 acres will have only a six-metre buffer to facilitate basic infrastructure works.

Copies of the report had been enlarged into A3-sized placards, laminated and put up at five or six spots along the Kukkarahalli Lake walking path. Those behind the initiative appear to have quietly hung them up and left. Their identity is not known.

A laminated poster with a recent report published in *Star of Mysore* ***put up at Kukkarahalli Lake premises.***

The message, however, was clear. By reducing the buffer zone, activists fear the ecology of sensitive water bodies, like the Kukkarahalli Lake, could come under threat, weakening the very purpose of conservation in the long run.

(See POSTER CAMPAIGN on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 12th April 2026

Railway recruitment exams in Kannada too: Minister

Somanna

Bengaluru, Apr. 12 (KMS & DM)- Amid complaints that Kannada has been ignored in Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) exam, Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna said, the Union Government has made a provision for writing RRB exams in Kannada too.

Speaking to press persons ahead of his visit to KSR Bengaluru Railway Station (Majestic), along with Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday, Somanna maintained that Kannada has been already introduced in RRB exams.

Pointing out that discussions are going on about giving adequate representation to Kannadigas in Railway promotions, Somanna said, 51 identified Railway Stations across the State will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 1,900 crore. Already works have begun in 23 Stations, he added.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE BODY HAS TO BE ENJOYED AS MUCH AS SOUL: ***I am not against the body, I am not against the mind; I am all for unity, a symphony, a synchronicity among these three spheres…***

In the East, the body has been so much condemned that the ultimate result is poverty. And in the West, the result has been a healthy body, an evolved technology, richer literature, art, all for nourishment of the mind, but a poor soul, almost nonexistent. This is a strange tragedy…

My suggestion is that the work for the future humanity, for a new man, is to drop the old conditioning — of the East and of the West. Drop all antagonism, either of the spiritualist or of the materialist. Accept the realistic approach that existence is both — matter on the outside and spirit on the inside. And in between the two is the bridge of the mind…

If somebody says that Gautam Buddha is only half, it hurts. But truth is truth. Mahavir is half — just a soul, anti-life. So is Zorba — against spirituality. So are all scientists — even the greatest, like Albert Einstein — who cannot conceive the possibility that there is an interior existence of consciousness.

I have been using one expression and that is 'Zorba the Buddha.' The body has to be enjoyed as much as your soul. Matter has its own beauty, its own power, just as consciousness has its own world, its own silence, its own peace, its own ecstasy. And between the two is the area of the mind — something of matter and something of the spirit… I would like all three points — two extremes and the middle — to become one unity.

A man who rejoices in his body and wisdom of the body, a man who uses his mind as a tremendously significant mechanism that evolution has brought and a man who does not stop at mind but goes on searching beyond, into the realms of divineness, into the realms of godliness — to produce this man should be the effort of all those who are in some way concerned with educating the new generation.

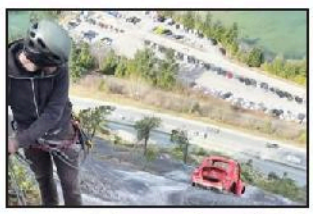
The educationists, journalists, spiritual teachers — all people who are involved in some way in creating a better human being than has been possible in the past — have to accept the totality of man without rejecting anything…

Journalists can do a tremendous service to humanity if their minds are clear, if they are not themselves prejudiced, either in favour of spiritualism or in favour of materialism. A journalist… has to be a seeker and a searcher and an agnostic; he has not to be a believer. The moment you believe in something, you start enforcing your belief, whether it is right or wrong. The journalist has to be open to all dimensions, ready to accept anything that is going to beautify existence and make man more blissful, more healthy, more intelligent, more aware of the tremendous mystery that surrounds us.

—Osho in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

VW Beetle suspended from rock face



Squamish: Parks officials in British Columbia said a hollowed-out Volkswagen Beetle suspended from a rock face in an apparent prank will be removed this week.

The vehicle, painted red with a Canadian flag on the hood and the letter E on the roof, was spotted on a Squamish rock face known to climbers as The Papoose in late March. The province's Ministry of Environment and Parks said the area is currently closed for safety reasons and the car will be removed within the next week.

A group claiming to be comprised of University of British Columbia engineering students took credit for the prank, which echoes previous stunts purportedly committed by UBC engineering personnel.

Fans don costumes to break record

Boston: The makers of the video game adaptation of Halloween gathered horror fans in Boston to break the Guinness World Record for people dressed as killer Michael Myers.

IllFonic, Gun Interactive, Compass International Pictures and Further Front brought 254 people in Michael Myers costumes to the unveiling of the upcoming video game at the PAX East expo in Boston.

"As huge horror fans, we've seen countless fans demonstrate their love of Halloween at horror conventions and events throughout the years. Our team literally brought the Myers' House to PAX East to share our first playable demo for Halloween, the video game, and flood the streets of Boston with the Boogeyman himself," IllFonic representative Miles Dompier said.

The 254 people dressed in blue coveralls and creepy masks officially set the record for largest gathering of people dressed as Michael Myers (Halloween franchise), Guinness World Records confirmed.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Every Second Counts in Head Injuries

After a road accident, timely medical attention can make a critical difference. Even if there is no visible injury, symptoms like headache, vomiting, or confusion should not be ignored - early evaluation helps prevent complications.

By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed - Senior Consultant – Neurosurgeon, Cervrovasvular & Endovascular Surgeon, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Panel discussion on Civil & Infrastructure Engineering

Mysuru, Apr. 12- A panel discussion on the transition from traditional Civil Engineering to the emerging field of Civil and Infrastructure Engineering will be held at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology (VVIET) **tomorrow (Apr. 13) from 11.15 am to 1.15 pm.**

The programme gains significance as the institution is set to introduce Civil & Infrastructure Engineering from the upcoming academic year, with an intake of 60 students. The discussion will bring together experts to deliberate on the urgent need to realign engineering education with evolving global demands.

Sustainability and climate resilience will form a major part of the deliberations. The panel will examine the importance of eco-friendly construction practices, green buildings, efficient resource management and flood mitigation strategies.

Technological advancements such as Building Information Modelling (BIM), Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things will be explored for their growing influence on modern infrastructure planning and execution.

The panel members include Shashank, Assistant Engineer, Department of Town and Country Planning, Govt. of Karnataka; Prem Sagar, Founder and CEO Prem Constructions, Mysuru; Sneha J. Nayak, QA and QC Engineer, Prestige Group of Constructions, Bengaluru and H.N. Rajendra Prasad, Asst. Professor.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Yesterday's level **102.86 feet**	Today's level **2,262.13 feet**	Today's level **2,829.76 feet**
Last year's level **103.39 feet**	Last year's level **2,267.48 feet**	Last year's level **2,833.01 feet**
Friday's level **102.98 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,262.34 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.78 feet**
Yesterday's Inflow **165 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **119 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **222 cusecs**
Yesterday's Outflow **1,141 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Human Body:** Your stomach gets a new lining every 3 to 4 days to prevent it from digesting itself.*
- ***Food:** Honey never spoils; archaeologists have found edible honey in ancient Egyptian tombs.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

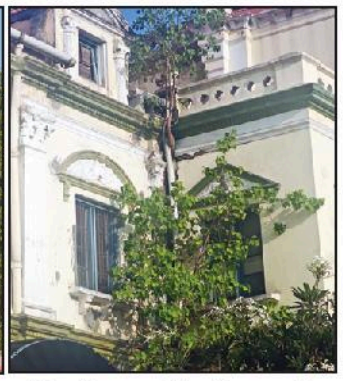
Teacher: *Name 5 animals that live in water.*
Dino: *Frog*
Teacher: *Very good now name other 4 animals.*
Dino: *His mother, his father, his sister and his brother!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 93.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 125.39
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.35
1 Euro	= Rs. 109.21

VOICE OF THE READER

Heritage buildings need periodic inspection



Sir,

Mysuru is home to several beautiful heritage buildings and structures, many of which reflect the city's rich architectural legacy. There is a strong public sentiment that authorities must take timely steps to preserve these landmarks for future generations. However, some of these structures have deteriorated over time and are now on the verge of collapse. In several cases, there is an ongoing debate on whether they should be restored or reconstructed while retaining their heritage features.

Unfortunately, decisions on such matters often take a long time due to various administrative and technical considerations. One such heritage building is the structure on Sayyaji Rao Road that houses the Central Public Library, Chamarajendra Technical Institute and Cauvery Emporium.

Although the building continues to function, its condition raises concerns. As seen in the photographs above, parts of the structure appear to be in a fragile state and could collapse if timely action is not taken. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) must initiate preventive measures before the situation worsens.

It would also be prudent for the Government to constitute a permanent technical team to periodically inspect heritage and other Government buildings. Such inspections would help identify structural weaknesses early and enable prompt action to safeguard Mysuru's iconic buildings and structures.

— Dr. Chandrashekar

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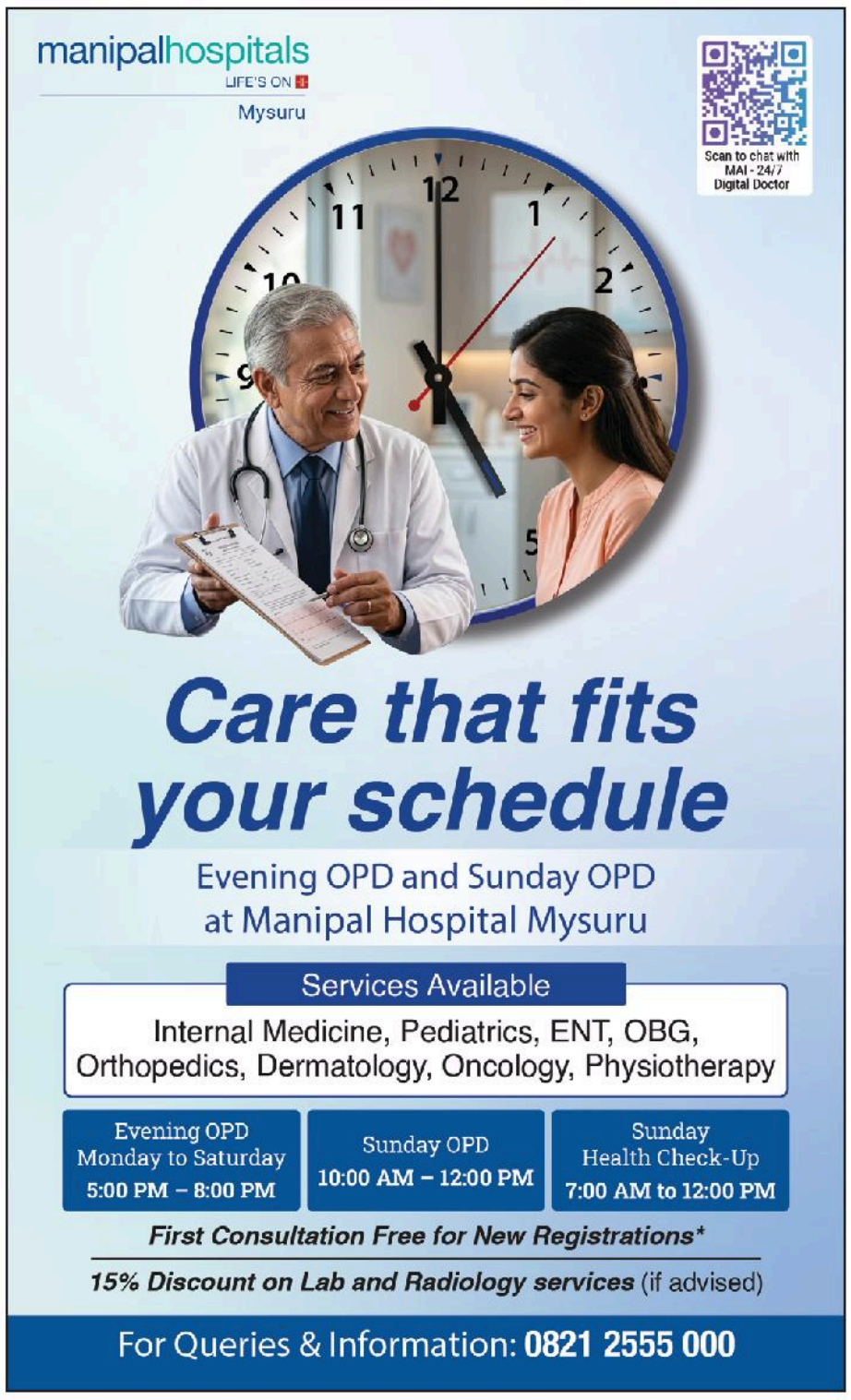
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NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo, Karanji Lake open on Tuesday

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (Apr. 14) on account of Summer holidays for Educational Institutions, according to a press release from Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

Free eye camp

NJS Charitable Trust, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha and Aravinda Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, have organised a free eye screening camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, Mandi Mohalla, from 7.30 am to 12.30 pm on Apr. 19. For registration, contact Mob: 94487-53597 or 99161-55453 or 94487-38657.

Car on wrong side kills two-wheeler rider

Car driver flees accident spot

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BLU&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot after a car, allegedly driven on the wrong side, rammed into his motorbike at Rajivnagar this morning.

Geoffrey Vijay Kumar

The deceased has been identified as Geoffrey Vijay Kumar (38), a resident of Rajivnagar and a system administrator at Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions in city. He is survived by his father Vijay Ratna Kumar, mother Celine, wife Monika Rathnamala and four-year-old daughter Caroline.

According to the Police, Geoffrey had stepped out around 8 am to buy breakfast for his family before heading to church. While he was riding through Rajivnagar, a Maruti Swift car, reportedly coming from the wrong direction, collided head-on with his bike, killing him instantly. The driver of the car is said to have fled the scene.

Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Police personnel rushed to the spot, conducted a mahazar and shifted the body to the MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. A case has been registered.

Police, who have collected CCTV footage from the vicinity, said the vehicle involved has been traced and steps are being taken to initiate further action, it is said.

'Greater Mysuru plan helps land grabbers'

Congress gives Govt. land to party trusts, BJP backs Sangh Parivar outfits: N. Diwakar

Progressive thinker and writer N. Diwakar is releasing the book 'Bhu Kabalike Siddhanta' at the Indian Institute of Educational Theatre on the Hardwicke School premises on JLB Road last evening, as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (SPN&BCT)- Transforming the Mysuru City Corporation into a 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation' will not benefit ordinary citizens, but instead aid land grabbers and politicians, progressive thinker and writer N. Diwakar said.

He was speaking at the release of the book 'Bhu Kabalike Siddhanta', edited by G. Mahantesh, at the Indian Institute of Educational Theatre on the Hardwicke School premises on JLB Road last evening.

The programme was organised by Rangavalli, Mysuru and Paradarshak Media Foundation, Bengaluru.

Alleging large-scale irregularities, Diwakar claimed that under the banner of 'Greater Mysuru,' agricultural lands on the city's outskirts are being systematically acquired to benefit real estate developers and corporate firms.

This, he said, has resulted in tax evasion worth crores of rupees, while farmers are lured with quick money and compelled to sell their land at throwaway prices. "These lands are later transferred to corporate entities aligned with the Government, leaving farmers dispossessed and vulnerable," he said.

Expressing concern, Diwakar alleged that successive Governments in Karnataka have been anti-farmer and anti-people, pointing out that lands acquired in the name of development, including Gomala (grazing grounds) have often been allotted to organisations linked to ruling parties.

Land allotments to benefit ideology

He also accused major political parties of using land allotments to serve their ideological interests, claiming that Congress Governments favoured party trusts while BJP regimes extended benefits to organisations linked to the Sangh Parivar. Public assets, he said, were being handed over at nominal rates, resulting in significant losses to the State exchequer.

Speaking on the occasion, editor G. Mahantesh questioned the need for private institutions such as Rashtrotthana Parishat, which he said reports revenues exceeding Rs. 401 crore, to seek Government-allotted civic and grazing lands. Such institutions, he argued, should instead purchase land at market rates.

Across six urban local bodies in Karnataka, civic amenity (CA) sites meant for public facilities have been allotted to the Congress Bhavan Trust at rates far below market value, allegedly violating established norms. In some cases, even the Revenue Department has sanctioned land at concessional prices, raising questions over the propriety of such decisions, he said.

Mahantesh also pointed out that leaders who had earlier criticised land allotments under the BJP Government have remained silent after coming to power. He alleged that even now, land worth hundreds of crores continues to be sanctioned in the names of Congress party trusts, with approvals from the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister.

There are several such instances, about perpetuated questionable land allotment practices in Karnataka.

City hotel industry relieved as commercial gas supply eases

Customers having food at a private Hotel in city.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BLU&DM)- The City hoteliers seem to be a relieved lot as commercial LPG gas cylinders supply, which was severely hit due to the ongoing US-Israel war with Iran and West Asia tensions, has eased considerably over the past few days.

The situation has improved with most of the hotels, restaurants, sweet shops, bakeries and other eateries which shut down in the first week of last month over severe LPG crisis, having reopened, much to the relief of customers.

Since the West Asia conflict began on Feb. 28 with US-Israel waging a joint war against Iran, the supply of LPG cylinders took a severe hit as the Strait of Hormuz, which was the key sea route in the Gulf for LPG supplies, was shut down by Iran. As a result, a good number of hotels, restaurants and other eateries shut down on account of non-availability of commercial LPG cylinders. Taking note of the serious situation regarding gas supplies, the Union Government framed certain guidelines for availing cylinders from authorised gas agencies. Accordingly, the hotel owners have to complete the formatted application form and submit the same to authorised gas agency, which in turn will forward the same to the concerned Oil Marketing Company. After getting approval, the gas agency will supply LPG cylinders to the applicants. Now with increased number of LPG shipments reaching India, the situation has eased when compared to last month.

However, the food suppliers who do not have the required documents to get LPG cylinder from authorised agencies, are looking at other options, including buying cylinders in the black market by paying an exorbitant price. While the official prices of LPG cylinders (19-kg) supplied by Public sector oil companies such as BPCL, HPCL and IOCL, stands at Rs. 2,141 a cylinder, the price of a 17-kg cylinder of private companies is a whopping Rs. 4585, which is more than double that of public sector gas companies.

Despite this high price, hoteliers are willing to pay for it and the hotel owners are passing on the burden to customers, by hiking the prices of every food item, delicacy and recipe, by at least 20 percent.

Defending the price hike of food items in hotels, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda said, it had become inevitable for hoteliers to hike the prices as LPG gas prices have increased abnormally due to the West Asia conflict. Pointing out that LPG is the main source of cooking in hotels and restaurants, he said there is a lot of difference in the prices of LPG cylinders supplied by public sector companies and private suppliers.

But still, the hoteliers are inevitably opting for private LPG manufacturers as they find it more convenient to get cylinders. As such, hoteliers are hiking prices of food items to offset expenses for getting cylinders, he said.

Unseasonal showers turn Bandipur GREEN

Rains ease annual summer wildfire fears, surveillance still on

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&BCT)- Unseasonal showers ahead of the monsoon have turned the Bandipur Tiger Reserve lush green, easing the annual concern over forest fires and reviving wildlife activity across the sanctuary.

Normally, the Reserve remains on high alert for fires from November to May, with frontline staff maintaining constant vigil until the monsoon sets in. This year, however, three to four spells of heavy rain have transformed the summer landscape and reduced the immediate threat of wildfires.

Despite the respite, forest personnel continue to keep a close watch on vulnerable areas to prevent any flare-ups.

As part of summer preparedness, about 2,800 km of fire lines were created across the Reserve. The work was completed by December and from Jan. 1, about 475 fire watchers from fringe villages were deployed across the ranges.

Water sources replenished

Surveillance has also been strengthened with the use of sensor-based cameras, CCTV, thermal drones and watchtowers to ensure round-the-clock monitoring against illegal entry and possible fire incidents.

Bandipur traditionally receives some showers in January and February. This year, along with the usual rains, several heavy downpours revived the parched forest, carpeting the landscape in green.

The improved conditions have attracted herds of elephants, gaurs, sambars, deer and wild sheep. Tourists, especially those visiting safari zones, have reported increased wildlife sightings.

Wildlife in the reserve has also been spared the usual summer water stress. Of the 420 lakes inside the forest, most still hold water, while 42 are supported by solar-powered borewells to ensure a year-round supply.

Recent rains have further replenished tanks in low-lying areas, providing animals with adequate drinking water for now.

Vulnerable areas being watched

S. Prabhakaran, Chief Conservator of Forests, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, told *Star of Mysore* that the immediate threat of wildfires has subsided following the recent rains.

"Sensitive zones remain under close watch, with fire watchers deployed across all ranges. Modern tools, including thermal drones, sensor-based cameras and CCTV equipment, are being used to monitor forest edges and vulnerable areas," he said.

Several lakes inside the reserve are brimming with water, while silt has been cleared from others. Solar borewells have also been repaired to ensure year-round supply.

S. Prabhakaran

Awareness drives conducted in fringe villages have highlighted the importance of forest conservation and the dangers of wildfires, helping secure local cooperation in protection efforts, he added.

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Gloomy Boards...

NO STORY TO TELL: Information boards blur Mysuru city's history, heritage

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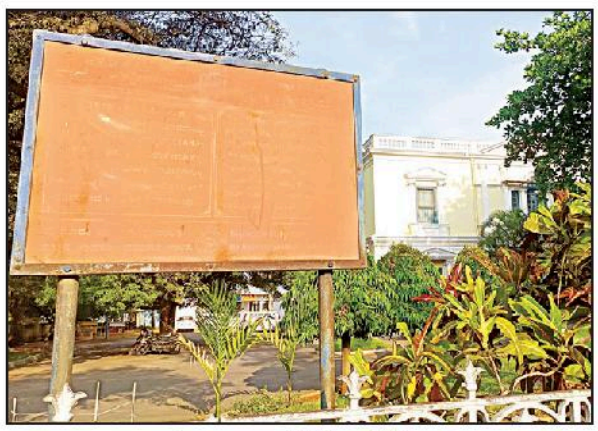
Rangacharlu Memorial Hall

CADA Office



Commercial Tax Office

Chamundi Guest House

Maharani's Junior College

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (PM&BS) - Mysuru, synonymous with its 'Heritage City' tag, boasts over 200 listed heritage buildings. With landmark structures dating back to the Maharaja's era still standing, the city continues to draw tourists to its enduring architectural legacy.

Prominent buildings such as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road, the Command Area Development Authority (CADA) Office opposite Mysore Palace, Chamundi Guest House on JLB Road, Rangacharlu Memorial Hall (Town Hall) near Doddagadiyara, the former residence of Dewan K. Seshadri Iyer on Krishna Vilas Road and the Maharani's Junior College building near Sadvidya College remain standing testimony to a bygone era.

To help visitors understand their history, the MCC had installed information boards in front of these structures in both Kannada and English. However, years of exposure to sun and rain, coupled with poor maintenance, have left many of these boards faded and unreadable.

Irrelevant messages scribbled

The situation is particularly stark at the CADA office, where the board has turned completely blank. In its place, a handwritten slogan — "Save Earth, Go Vegan" — has appeared, seemingly scribbled by an unknown passerby. The building itself is over a century-old and was used as a public office during the Wadiyar rule.

At Chamundi Guest House, the board facing the main road offers little information now, apart from "Mysuru City Corporation" in Kannada and English, along with a generic appeal to maintain cleanliness and save heritage. The building dates back to 1920, during the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

The board at the MCC Office is in a relatively better condition, still noting that the building was constructed in 1921 for municipal functions. But even here, the text is gradually fading, raising concerns that it may soon meet the same fate.

The condition is no different at the Maharani's Junior College premises. Founded in 1868 by Ambil Narasimha Iyengar and M.V. Venkatakrishnaiah, popularly known as 'Thathaiah,' the institution's historic building now houses the administrative office of the college and the DDPUE Office. The board that once detailed its rich history has also faded, leaving little for visitors to read.

Vande Bharat travel surges

(Continued from page 1)

En route, it stops at Mandya (arrival 6.28 am, departure 6.30 am), SMVT Bengaluru at Baiyappanahalli (7.45 am/7.50 am), Krishnarajapuram (8.04 am/8.06 am) and Katpadi (10.33 am/10.35 am).

In the return direction, Train No. 20664 MGR Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat Express leaves Chennai at 5 pm and arrives in Mysuru at 11.20 pm, except on Thursdays.

The train halts at Katpadi (6.23 pm/6.25 pm), Krishnarajapuram (8.48 pm/8.50 pm), SMVT Bengaluru (9.25 pm/9.30 pm) and Mandya (10.38 pm/10.40 pm).

Vande Bharat routes	Passengers in 2025-2026
New Delhi - Varanasi	73 lakh
New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	56 lakh
Secunderabad - Visakhapatnam	48 lakh
Dr. MGR Central - Mysuru	36 lakh

Second service

The second service, Train No. 20607 Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat Express, departs Chennai at 5.50 am and reaches Mysuru at 12.20 pm.

En route, it has commercial stops at Katpadi (arrival 7.13 am, departure 7.15 am) and KSR Bengaluru (arrival 10.10 am, departure 10.15 am). This train does not operate on Wednesdays.

The return service, Train No. 20608 Mysuru-Chennai Vande Bharat Express, departs Mysuru at 1.05 pm and arrives in Chennai at 7.20 pm.

En route, it stops at KSR Bengaluru (arrival 2.50 pm, departure 2.55 pm) and Katpadi (arrival 5.33 pm, departure 5.35 pm).

Asha Bhosle dies at 92

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Asha Bhosle was just 10 when she sang her first film song *Chala Chala Nav Bala*, for the 1943 Marathi film *Majha Bal*. Asha's list of timeless hits includes classics such as *Piya Tu Ab To Aaja, Dum Maaro Dum, Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo Dil Ko, Jhumka Gira Re* and *Yeh Mera Dil* among other hits.

The younger sister of melody queen late Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle was a trailblazer in her own right, forever grateful to have her 'Didi' by her side, but always wanted to have her own identity.

At the age of 16, she married Ganpatrao Bhosle, who was 15 years her senior. It's said that she endured mistreatment from her in-laws during this time and she separated from Ganpatrao in 1960.

Later in life, Asha Bhosle found love with legendary composer Rahul Dev Burman (R.D. Burman) whom she eventually married.

Together, they formed one of the most iconic and enduring partnerships in Indian film music.

Asha Bhosle won her first National Award for *Umrao Jaan* in 1981 and her second for *Ijaazat* in 1988. She received Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2000 and Padma Vibhushan in 2008.

Star of Mysore report turns into poster campaign

(Continued from page 1)

Walkers who stopped to read the posters were seen discussing the possible fallout. Many voiced concern that a reduced buffer could pave the way for real estate activity, land grabbing and other commercial use close to the lakes, ultimately affecting their fragile environment.

The posters, with 'Lake Buffer Zone' marked in green ink, stood out and drew curious onlookers. Several visitors took time to read through the entire text and reflect on the issue.

The discussions soon turned to what could be done next. Some walkers spoke about writing to the Government, starting a letter campaign, or even exploring the legal options to initiate stronger protection of lakes.

Summer special trains between Mysuru-Dibrugarh

Mysuru, Apr. 12- To clear the extra rush of passengers during the summer season, South Western Railway (SWR) will operate summer special Express trains between Mysuru-Dibrugarh-Mysuru, for 02 trips each direction. Details are as follows:

Train No. 06253 will leave Mysuru on Apr. 12 and 26 (Sunday) at 08:00 hrs and will reach Darbhanga on Wednesday at 01:30 hrs. In the return direction, Train No. 06254 will depart from Dibrugarh on Apr. 16 & 30 (Thursday) at 01:30 hrs and arrive at Mysuru on Saturdays at 16:15 hrs.

En route, the train will halt at Mandya, Maddur, Kengeri, KSR Bengaluru, Krishnarajapurm, Bangarapet, Jolarpettai, Katpadi, Renigunta, Gudur, Nellore, Ongole, Vijayawada, Rajamundry, Kottavalasa, Vizianagram, Srikakulam Road, Palasa, Brahmapur, Balugan, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Jajpur K Road, Bhadrakh, Balasore, Kharagpur, Andul, Dankuni, Bardhaman, Bolpur S Niktn, Rampur Hat, New Farakka, Malda Town, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, New Cooch Behar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road, Rangiya, Rangapara North, Vishwanath Chariali, Harmuti, North Lakhimpur, Dhemaji in both directions.

The train consists of 20 coaches including 2-AC 2-Tier, 4-AC 3-Tier, 6-Sleeper Class, 6-General Second Class and 2-SLRD.

First Pet Ambulance of Mysuru launched

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Mysuru can see pet animals being rushed signal-free in a state-of-art well-equipped Pet Ambulance across city, as the first Pet Ambulance of Mysuru was flagged off by Dr. Arjun Janya, the celebrity Music Director-cum-Film Director yesterday.

Humans had multiple ambulance services but pet parents in city never had Pet Ambulance Service, which is life saving and highly essential during emergency.

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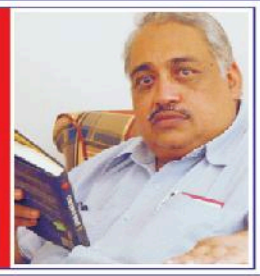

Of a few more statues and their makers

In my last week's article, I had written about how the erection of the statue of **H.H. Chamaraja Wadiyar X,** our 23rd Maharaja, in front of our Palace, ran into a bit of a problem and how it was solved in a most ingenious way, paving the way for it to become our city's most well-known landmark.

This statue, that was originally sculpted by the famous French sculptor, **William Robert Colton,** due to a major imperfection, was given a completely new head that was sculpted by **Ganpatrao K. Mhatre**, a no less famous artisan from Bombay.

While the former completed the work assigned to him in the year 1918, the statue after its corrective plastic surgery by the latter, could be installed and unveiled at its present location, only in the year 1920.

Colton, as a result of his expertise and reputation, had received a series of private commissions from the Maharaja of Mysore, including at least four busts and statues of him and he continued to regularly secure work from many other places in India.

In the period 1905 to 1918, he exhibited his creations meant for India regularly at the Royal Academy and among his works shown there were the bronze busts of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore and Sir Sheshadri Iyer, the Dewan of Mysore. **Colton had been hailed in his field as a master craftsman when it came to bringing out the exact likeness of the personalities whose statues he sculpted and he had more than fifty works to his credit, located across the world.**

G.H. Krumbiegel

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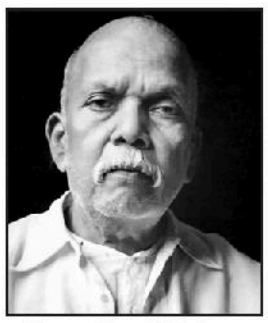

Ganpatrao Mhatre

William Robert Colton

But most unusually, he somehow failed in getting his work to win the acceptance of our Maharani Vani Vilasa Sannidhana Kempananjammanni, after which he had to beat a retreat from India, for good.

After a distinguished career as both sculptor and teacher, Colton died on 13 November 1921, at the relatively young age of 53. At the time of his death, he was serving as the President of the **Royal Society of Sculptors** and it has been placed on record that his wealth, at the time of his death, was 19,742 pounds, a princely sum indeed, in those days of kings, queens and princes!

Ganpatrao K. Mhatre too was no less well-known a man in his field, although his talent never crossed the shores of our country, in his lifetime. Later conferred with the title 'Rao Bahadur', he too is credited with having sculpted the busts and full statues of many great Indian personalities. But, undisputedly, his most famous creation is **'Mandirpathagamini'** the statue of a young Maharashtrian lady, draped in a nine-yard saree, holding a plate of pooja items in her hand, on her way to a temple, with an almost imperceptible smile on her face!

It can now be viewed at the **Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall at The National Gallery of Modern Art** in Mumbai and it was praised for its excellence by Rabindranath Tagore as one of the best pieces of Indian art. A student of the famed **J.J. School of Art,** Mhatre has undoubtedly outdone Colton when it comes to the number of works he has executed.

His great grandson, **Dr. Hemant Pathare**, a Mumbai-based surgeon, who is writing Mhatre's biography, is right now on a quest to trace all the 372 sculptures made by his great grandfather, who took the art world by storm in the 19th century. He has located 280 figures so far and among the ones he is still looking for are an image of the Goddess Saraswati standing on a peacock, that went missing from a Sangli Museum, a marble statue of Lord Rama, a bust of King George V that disappeared from a Gujarat College and another of Sir William Dring of the East Indian Railway Company, that once stood at the Howrah Railway Station.

Nearer home, are the statues of Maharaja H.H. Chamaraja Wadiyar X and Sir Mark Cubbon, located at the Cubbon Park and more notably, the bronze equestrian statue he has sculpted of our Maharaja, that now stands in the statue park of Lalbagh, in Bengaluru. This statue was actually meant to be here in Mysuru where it stood just for a few years at the Curzon Park, adjacent to the Palace, before it was shifted to Lalbagh by the German botanist **Gustav Hermann Krumbiegal** in the year 1908, when he was the Superintendent there.

In 1907 this man who was working at the Botanical Gardens at Ootacamund, accepted a personal offer from H.H. Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the ruler of Mysore to serve him and most interestingly, he was reportedly the only man accorded the courtesy of shaking hands with the Maharaja whenever they met!

The Dewan of Mysore appointed him as an architectural consultant despite protests from the British Resident in Mysore that the Crown should not have a German in its service.

During the Second World War, Germans in India were declared as enemies by the British and Krumbiegel was, along with other Germans, held for some time, at an internment camp in Bengaluru.

Undeterred by this bad patch in his life, Krumbiegel continued to live in Bangalore, even after his retirement, till his death in 1956. He was buried at the Methodist Cemetery on Hosur Road, Bengaluru and in 2016, 60 years after his death, Krumbiegel's grave was given a facelift by the Government of Karnataka, in honour of his contributions to the State.

The Road, running between the main and the West gates of Lalbagh, is named after him. **In the comfort of his refurbished grave, Krumbiegel is now perhaps having the last laugh that it was the British who were ousted from India, while he was given a permanent home here!**

[Just one more statue, waiting in the wings, to make an entry into this column, next week!]

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Selected for Sri Shivarathreeshwara Book Award

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BS)- The book 'Chennabasavannanavara Karana Hasige - Vygnanika Vishleshane' authored by Dr. S. Shivanand Byalhunsi and Dr. Ajaykumar Thandoora, has been selected for Sri Shivarathreeshwara Award, instituted by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment for the year 2025.

Dr. Shivanand is a native of Byalhunsi village in Hoovinahadagali taluk. He is a retired Professor and has deep insights on vachana literature and Jain literary works. An orator par excellence, he has authored 19 valuable literary works including his own, translated literary works, along with serving on editorial board of literary volumes.

He has to his credit over 100 research papers, besides delivering lectures on diverse topics.

Dr. Ajay Kumar is a renowned psychiatrist, who has been involved in the treatment of mentally ill patients, at his Punyakoti Health Centre in Hospet for the past 25 years. He in involved in deep studies of Basavadi Sharana and has established Ishtalinga Study Centre to study into the scientific powers of Ishtalinga.

The award carries Rs. 25,000 purse and a plaque which will be conferred at the award ceremony to be held at Suttur Mutt in city on Apr. 15, according to a press release from the Director of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Publication Wing.

Govt. notifies 60-day relaxation for 1st standard admission

Bengaluru, Apr. 12- The State Government has issued a notification relaxing the admission age for 1st standard students by two months from the present 6 years. This relaxation is however applicable only for the academic year 2026-27.

The relaxation is to address the practical problems faced by parents while submitting online applications and also to offline admissions to 1st std.

Since this was a recurring problem, the Karnataka Government too was mulling a new legislation to find a permanent solution.

Minister for Literacy and Primary and Secondary Education Madhu Bangarappa has said that the government intends to provide clarity and streamline admission process at the time of admissions to LKG and UKG itself by bringing in legislation.

Govt. Blind School gets modern tech upgrade

Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar blindfolded to experience challenges of visually impaired

A blindfolded Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Founder and Trustee of Bherunda Foundation, inaugurating the upgraded Mysore Government Blind School in Tilaknagar recently in the presence of BEML Head (CSR) Karithirumal, also blindfolded and others. Picture right shows Dr. Ananthalakshmi, CEO and Managing Trustee of EquiBeing Foundation, leading Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar into a classroom.

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (BCT)- The upgraded infrastructure at the Mysore Government Blind School, Tilaknagar, founded by the Maharaja of Mysore in 1901, was inaugurated in a unique manner by Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Founder and Trustee of Bherunda Foundation, who chose to experience the challenges faced by the visually impaired by being blindfolded.

The infrastructure upgrade was carried out by EquiBeing Foundation with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support from Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML).

As part of the initiative, BEML funded the creation of a digital reading room, science laboratory, smart classrooms and a cricket pitch, aimed at providing holistic development opportunities for the students.

EquiBeing Foundation, which works to empower persons with visual impairment, organised the blindfold experience to simulate how visually impaired individuals navigate daily tasks.

Organisers told *Star of Mysore* that Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar readily agreed to the exercise. Blindfolded and holding a white cane, she walked a few steps with assistance before cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the lab.

The exercise was intended to help sighted participants understand the difficulties faced by visually impaired persons, such as locating objects, orienting themselves and performing simple tasks without sight.

Dr. Ananthalakshmi, CEO and Managing Trustee of EquiBeing Foundation, said, such experiences help foster empathy and awareness about inclusion. "Our vision is to empower individuals so they can lead enriched lives and contribute actively to the growth of our nation," she said.

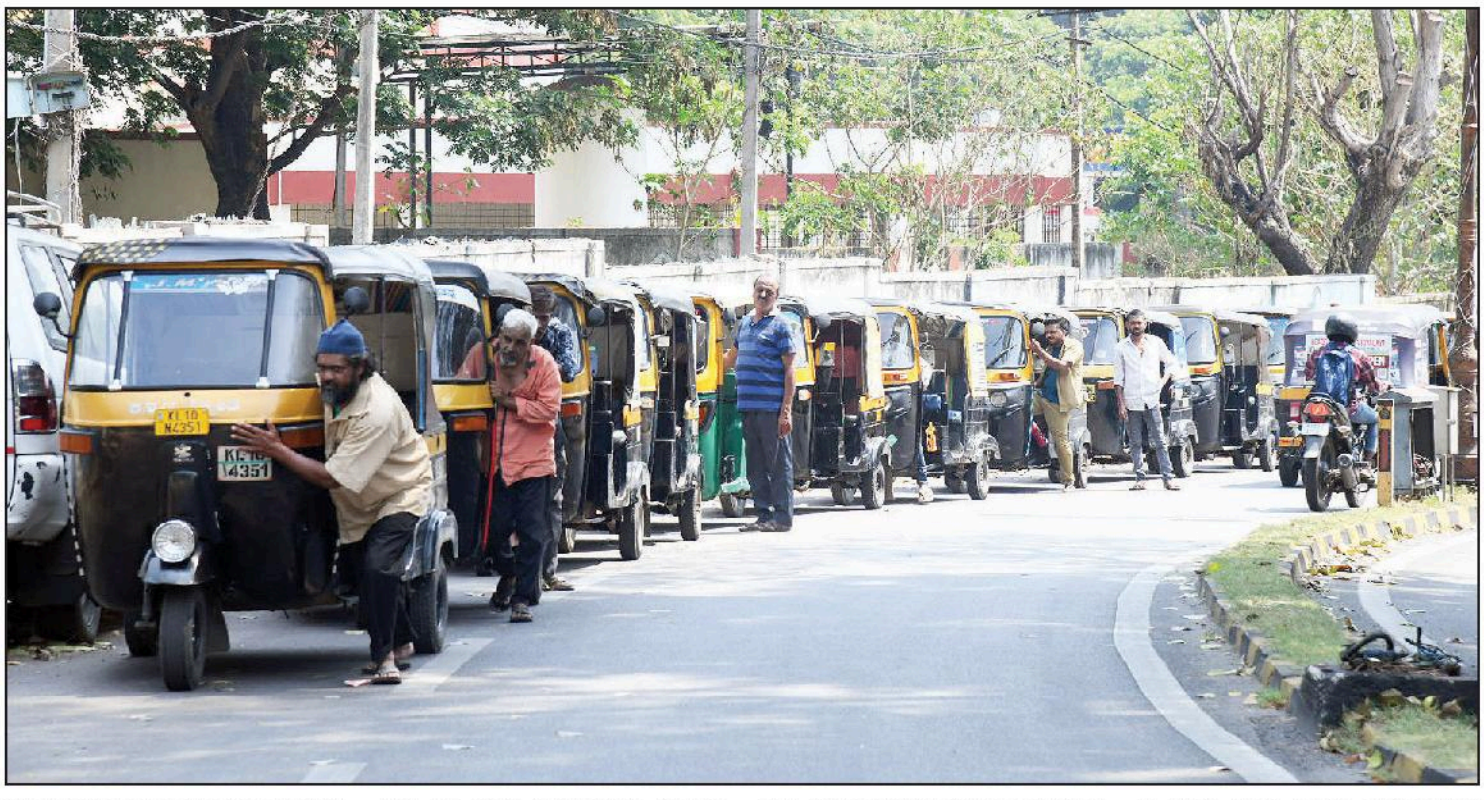
BEML Head (CSR) Karithirumal also took part in the blindfold experience. BEML Mysore Complex PRO Anil Kumar and District Disabled Welfare Officer K.S. Raghavendra were present on the occasion.

CNG crunch: Autos queue up for 1 km

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MTY&BS)- Amid a continuing CNG shortage linked to the ongoing West Asia conflict, autorickshaw drivers queued up in large numbers at a gas station on Dhanvanthri Road from the early hours of today.

With fresh stock arriving yesterday, word spread quickly among drivers, leading to long queues of autos stretching nearly 1-km, from Dhanvantri Road through JLB Road, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle, Dewan's Road and up to Shivarampet Junction near Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry.

Traffic Police were deployed to regulate the movement of vehicles and ease congestion in the busy central area.



Autorickshaws are fitted with 12-kg CNG tanks, though refilling is typically limited to around 10-11 kg. With CNG priced at Rs. 83 per kg, drivers can fill fuel worth up to about Rs. 1,000. Many, however, were seen refilling smaller quantities depending on their immediate needs and daily earnings.

With Monday expected to see higher inter-city passenger demand, several drivers chose to stay off the road on Sunday to refill their tanks and avoid last-minute fuel shortages, an autorickshaw driver said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Subterfuge

Pronunciation: SUB-ter-fyooj (noun).
Meaning: Subterfuge is a formal word that refers to the use of tricks to hide, avoid or get something.
Origin: Though subterfuge is a synonym of deception, fraud, double-dealing and trickery, there's nothing tricky about the word's etymology. English borrowed the word with its meaning from the Late Latin noun subterfugium, which in turn comes from the Latin verb subterfugere, meaning "to escape, evade." That word combines the prefix subter-, meaning "secretly" (from the adverb subter, meaning "underneath") with the verb fugere, which means "to flee" and which is also the source of words such as fugitive and refuge, among others.
Example: "Despite her difficult childhood, Mavis [Gallant] persevered, through grit, bloody-mindedness, an absence of self-pity, and an ironic sense of humour. Lunch with her was always hilarious and often horrifying: the tales she told about her life exceeded in unlikely gruesomeness even her own fiction. She certainly had the 'cold eye' that Yeats recommended for writers, and she saw through subterfuge, no matter who was trying it on." — Margaret Atwood, The New Yorker, 6 Apr. 2025

THE ODD WORD

Sabretache

Satchel suspended from cavalry officer's belt.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

One sandwich short of a picnic

Meaning: A jokey, colloquial term for stupid.
Origin: There are many phrases of the form 'an X short of a Y'. These all mean the same thing, that is, the person being spoken of is stupid. The 'short of' insult began in Australia and New Zealand in the mid 19th century; for example, Colonel Godfrey Mundy's Our Antipodes, 1852:
"The climate is productive of chronic diseases rather than acute ones. Let no man having, in colonial phrase, 'a shingle short' try this country. He will pass his days in Tarban Creek Asylum." Of course, shingles are wooden tiles and many of these phrases refer to having something loose or missing 'up top' – 'a few slates missing', 'a screw loose' etc. 'A sandwich short of a picnic' is fairly recent. The first citation of it that has been documented is from the BBC's Lenny Henry Christmas Special, December 1987. In that, Henry performed I'm Mad, a spoof song and dance routine written by Kim Fuller and others. This aped Michael Jackson's 1983 hit Bad. Henry, in a straitjacket, sings 'I'm mad, I'm mad', while the backing vocalists sing:
He's mad, mad, one brick short of a load
He's mad, mad, one sandwich short of a picnic.

QUOTE BOX

There are few things so pleasant as a picnic eaten in perfect comfort.
—W. Somerset Maugham

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SHEAVENTH

Answer: In seventh heaven.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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5	9	6	2	7	3	8	1	4
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Applaud with the hands
5 Muslim priest
9 Record company ___ Victor
12 The one who succeeds to property
13 Little Corporal
15 __ __ uncertain terms : quite emphatically? (2,2)
16 Nourishing substance
17 Guidance
19 Wigwam
20 Paddle
21 Clergyman or priest
23 Racing driver ____ Chandhok
26 Calorie in short
27 Period of time
28 "Been" anagram for Swiss watch manufacturers?
29 Deceive or baffle?
30 Affected or pretentious
31 Donkey, jackass or burrow
32 Brother, in short
33 Mr. Owens the African American track star?
34 Hard as iron?
36 Organ for hearing
37 Burn to ground
38 Ambassador's office
42 Indian holy city
44 Bangladesh bucks
45 The West
46 The poetical name for 'Ireland'
47 To the ___ degree (ultimate)
48 Nav. readings
49 Outdated form of computer storage

DOWN
1 Stylish
2 "Noel" anagram for a style of weaving?
3 Original Japanese aboriginal
4 He, she, it or I?
5 Inside something else?
6 Heavy hammer
7 Fitting or suitable
8 Fatal, doomed to die
9 Goes in again (2-6)
10 Bends, twists or warps
11 A busy insect
14 Expresses what is false; conveys a false impression
18 "S" in SF the city
21 Peace, to Pompey
22 Oscar-winning Martha
23 New Zealand parrots
24 Not material
25 "R" in R & D?
26 Dove sound
29 Newly spawned fishes
30 Charged with gas
32 Coalesces or mixes
33 Vaccination (informal)
35 Morales of movies
36 Gives out
38 "Seen" anagram for a slave?
39 Hindu women's robe
40 Snow runners
41 Tug
42 Otto ___ Bismarck
43 Roman bronze

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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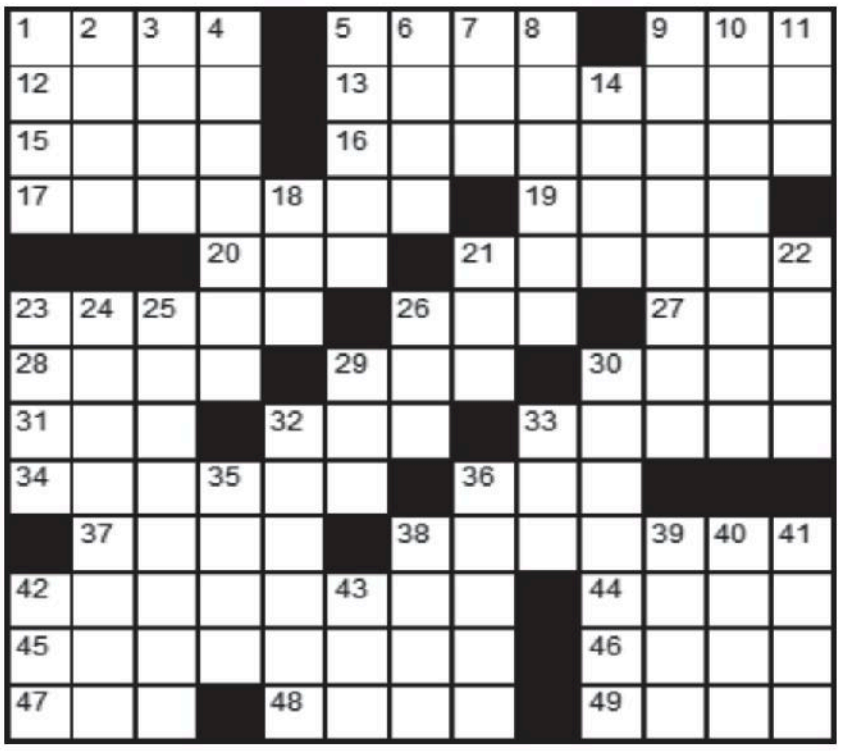

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SYQ YGMVRQTT KZ PESSQM XT VXMQNSFO

IMKIKMSXKRGF SK SYQ TKZSRQTT KZ SYQ PMQGV.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Terror (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Terror (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Gangs of UK (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Love Mocktail 3 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Calendar (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Guardians (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Terror (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6 pm; (S-3) 10.05 pm
Vaazha 2 - Biopic of Billion Bro (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Peter (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Nannu Karunakara (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm; (S-3) 4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Drishyam 2 (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Calander (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Gangs of UK (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Dacoit (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Calendar (K)	:	10.30 am
Gangs of UK (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11 am, 4.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	12.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm, 7.30 pm
Terror (K)	:	1.10 pm, 4 pm
Kaada (K)	:	1.45 pm
Peter (K)	:	3.50 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dacoit (Te)	:	9.30 am, 12.40 pm, 7 pm
Dacoit (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.50 am, 10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10.25 am, 12.50 pm
		5.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.20 pm
Peter (K)	:	11.25 am
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Goyang: Live Viewing (2026) (Korean)		
	:	3 pm, 7pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Terror (K)	:	4 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dacoit (Te)	:	9.35 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10 am, 5.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	2.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.40 am, 7.20 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	11 am, 12.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Gangs of UK (K)	:	1.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	2.35 pm
Naanu Karunakara (K)	:	4.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 12)

- **Sahaja Samrudha, Sahaja Seeds and Kisan Mall:** Desi Dal Mela, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly meeting to discuss ways to protect the city's trees, Deputy Conservator of Forests K. Paramesh speaks on promoting green spaces and the reconstitution of the Tree Authority, Dr. K. N. Amruthesh, Professor, Department of Botany, University of Mysore and Dr. S. Shankar Bhatt, former Professor of Botany, will also participate, Shantagouda Patil of the Centre for Advanced Learning and Sanjay Dattratri, Convener of MGP's Tree Census project, will present an update on the census, which is nearing completion, #6/1 Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]
- **The Melodic Medics:** 'Gaata Rahe Mera Dil-2,' a musical night of romantic hits of R.D. Burman's magic, Dr. Rajkumar's soulful Kannada gems and the golden voice of Mohammed Rafi; Dr. Somanath Vasudeva and Dr. Seethalakshmy Somanath will perform, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4.45 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Muktidanandaji delivers a talk on the topic 'Ishavasya Upanishad' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru:** Music Trinity — Syama Sastri, Tyagaraja and Muthuswami Dikshitar — Memorial Programme (Samsmarane), recital of kritis of the Trinity by artistes of Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, concept is by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, accompanied by Vidu. S.A. Divyashree on violin and Vid. B.S. Shubhang on mridanga, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Programme in Memory of Sabha's former President K.V. Murthy, vocal concert by Vid. S. Sakethraman from Chennai, accompanied by Mattur Srinidhi on violin, V. Praveen on mridanga and G. Guruprasanna on khanjira, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava-2026, vocal recital by Vid. Abhiram Bode (Chennai), accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Halambi Bhargava on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS Vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 90th Year Sri Ramotsava, Classical Music Concert by Vidu. Archana L. Rao and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, 16th Cross, **6 pm.**
- **Dhvanyaloka:** Prof. CDN Memorial Lecture and Award Ceremony, Dr. Prema Nandakumar delivers talk on 'Aurobindo's *Savitri*,' Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Anavarana:** Staging of play 'Varna Pallata,' written by K.Y. Narayanaswamy, directed by Shashidhar Bharighat, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 13)

- **Government First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru:** Valedictory of 2025-26 Academic Year's Cultural, Sports, NSS, Youth Red Cross, Rangers & Rovers and other Committee Activities, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Karnataka Sangha-Mandya President Prof. B. Jayaprakash Gowda delivers valedictory address, Collegiate Education Department Regional Officer Joint Director Dr. D.S. Prathima and retd. PE Teacher from Purigali P.M. Murthy chief guests, Government First Grade College-Kuvempunagar Principal Dr. C. Bettegowda presides, College premises, **10.30 am.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya:** Bhagini Sangeethotsava-2026, veena concert by Vidu. M.S. Rajalakshmi, accompanied by Vid. Anoor Vinod Shyam on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS Vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Sundara Rama Mandira Seva Samiti Trust, Mysuru:** 90th Year Sri Ramotsava, flute recital by Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 2nd Main Road, 16th Cross, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	9.45 am, 2.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	1.10 pm, 5.45 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 6.50 pm 10.10 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.40 pm
Terror (K)	:	3.50 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	6.55 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.05 pm, 6.45, 10.20 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 7.20, 10.30 pm
Kaada (K)	:	10.45 am
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.20 am, 5.35 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Calendar (K)	:	1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	3.55 pm
Gangs of UK (K)	:	4.10 pm
Vazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	7 pm, 10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Qualifies for Natl. Championship

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MK&VNS)- Anvesha Arya, a budding pistol shooter from the Mysuru Sports Shooting Academy, has qualified for the upcoming National Shooting Championships to be held at Bhopal in December.

Anvesha Arya

Anvesha's journey to the National stage began with a stand-out performance at the 3rd Nagaraj Rao Jagdale State Sports Shooting Competition and Championship 2026 held at Bengaluru. Competing with steady nerves, she advanced to the Pre-Nationals, where she surpassed the required Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) with an impressive display of skill in the pistol category.

A Grade 10 student at NPSI Mysuru, she is the daughter of Abhishek Arya and Deepika Arya, residents of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. Anvesha will now represent both her Academy and Karnataka State at Nationals.

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TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 12

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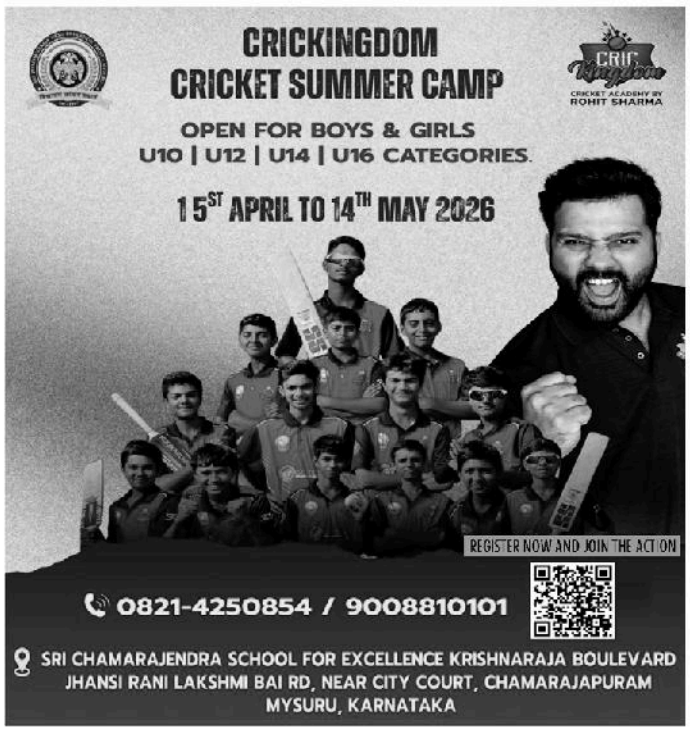
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